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MR THAYER REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE HE PASSED TO YOU:

"GEORGE SHULTZ CALLED. HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM ARENS WHO COULD NOT REACH YOU. SAID HE HAD CLEARED AWAY HIGH LEVEL OBJECTIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. SECONDLY, HE HAS SENT TO HIS FORCES A STRONGLY WORDED DIRECTIVE TO AVOID PROVOKING INCIDENTS AT ANY COST. HE WANTS THEM 'TO BACK OFF EVEN IF THE MARINES OR OTHERS ARE WRONG.' SHULTZ WOULD LIKE US TO MEET THEM HALF WAY IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH BARROW, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN. HE WILL GET THE WORD OUT."

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